

An unnamed spokesman for Col. Roosevelt is quoted as saying that he will not enter the Presidential primaries of either party. Should he be nominated, he would be inclined to accept. But he wishes it understood that he is not scrambling for the nomination, any more than is Justice Hughes. This may be all very true, but the Colonel will have to put his O. K. on it before the tangled situation can be cleared up to any extent.

The annual report of the United States Bureau of Fisheries again calls attention to the fact that despite artificial propagation American waters are being depleted of fish, especially shad. The intimation that the shad is in danger of extinction is not new; that the situation is becoming more alarming year by year the reduced catch in the Potomac every spring in recent years proves. It would appear that an energetic and determined campaign is necessary to bring the danger to the attention of the legislatures of Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and other States whose peoples are vitally interested, or to arouse the Congress of the United States to the imperative need of legislation if this delicious food fish of which the supply only a very few years ago was abundant in these waters, is to be preserved. It would be a crime to permit the shad to become extinct for the lack of laws to protect it against improvidence and rapacity.

Much has been written about what should be the relation of a statesman to the people of a democracy. No better answer could be given than to point to Secretary Lane's annual report. The head of a highly technical department of the government has written a report that is both enlightening and fascinating. Mr. Lane has nevertheless succeeded in making his work understandable and alluring. His report is an example of the art of popularizing knowledge in its most inspiring form. There is no doubt that it will be read with enthusiasm and the warm assurance that its writer is sincerely in tune with the best of America. "I make bold to express the hope that no other policy of the government will be so successful in staying the internal development of this country," says the first sentence, and it goes on to express the fear that the strengthening of the military forces will leave the government "so immersed in matters of defense that it will neglect the needs of the people of less dramatic and perhaps less immediate concern." These are words which might be printed on the little bits of cardboard and tacked up over the desk of every official, every editor, and every statesman of the country.

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Increases were made in the following trades at the Naval Proving Ground, Indian Head, Md.—All-around machinists, \$4 to \$4.24; electrical machinists, \$4 to \$4.20; tinner, \$2.84 to \$2.92; wiremen, \$3.92 to \$4.08.

Navy Yarn, Norfolk, Va.—Chippers and calkers iron, \$2.04 to \$2.38; drillers, \$2.27 to
